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Purim: Albert is from modern-day Shushan, the setting of Esther



Great Visit with Zach!



Praise God for His healing!



Praying for open doors with Jewish friends this spring/summer



April-May 2021

Shalom Haverim,

Spring has sprung in New York City. Recently while walking through Central Park, it was apparent that people were out trying to adjust to this new way of life in a post-COVID world. **Operation Spring Outreach** and the evangelism team have us back on the streets sharing the gospel with both Jewish and Gentile people in New York City, in Queens, and recently in Manhattan, near Times Square.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS! On March 6, we went to visit Zachary at West Coast Baptist College in California, as well as some supporting churches. We had a wonderful time, but by the end of the trip, we knew we were sick. On the day of our scheduled departure out of Las Vegas, Joy, Hannah, Valerie and I received **positive diagnoses for COVID-19**, which delayed our return another 16 days. Joy had it the worst with severe migraines, pneumonia, and two emergency room visits. Joy's parents were a blessing even from afar, rallying people around the world to pray and making sure we had all we needed. We are especially grateful for our friends at **Liberty Baptist Church of Las Vegas** for their hospitality, arranging lodging and transportation, and care throughout our stay in Las Vegas. We offer special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. David Teis, Pastor Matt Teis, and Pastor Neal and Charity Berkey. Words cannot express how thankful we are to the saints in Las Vegas. We **"hit the jackpot"** when Liberty Baptist Church decided to support our ministry!

MINISTRY UPDATE: We had a wonderful time celebrating Purim with our Jewish friends, as well as Brother Ron Plott from IBJM. Sadly, due to our illness, we had to cancel our plans for Passover. We are looking forward to Shavuot, though!

New York is starting to open up with the lifting of the COVID travel advisory, and we are excited that **IBJM** is planning to come to New York City for a Summer Evangelistic Outreach, **May 28-June 4**. The team will be ministering in many Jewish neighborhoods like the Upper West Side, Manhattan; Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, (also known as *Little Odessa*); and Rego Park, Queens, home of Shalom Baptist Church and many Bukharian Jews. Please pray for fruitful witnessing opportunities as we distribute gospel literature, **Thank God for Israel Day** invitations, and Bibles in Hebrew and many other languages.

Throughout the summer, we will continue to reach people with the gospel as the City slowly returns to normal. With the Lord's help, we hope to make a more concerted effort to spend quality time with Jewish friends, having them over for backyard cookouts and such. Very little has happened "socially" in New York throughout COVID. Please pray that people will be open to fellowship, and most of all, the gospel. We are excited that **Zachary will be joining us for the summer**, helping us out wherever he can, as well as interning at All Nations Baptist Church.

EXCITING NEW MINISTRY: Joy and I will soon have the privilege of helping IBJM reach the Northeast Corridor, home to over three million Jewish people. New York City, strategically located at the heart of a string of large Jewish population centers from Boston to Washington, D.C., has the largest Jewish population in the U.S. with 1.7 million. The leadership at IBJM has long had a burden to see a **Global Outreach Ministry Center** established in New York City. The Ministry Center will provide lodging and be an "on-the-job-training" site for interns and evangelistic teams. Joy and I will maintain and direct the Center, and we are excited about this new development in ministry. Please contact IBJM for more information and pray about how you can be involved in this worthy project reaching God's Chosen People!

We praise the Lord for each of you, our faithful prayer warriors and supporters.

Shalom in Messiah,

John, Joy, Zachary, Hannah, and Valerie Gibson

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- **Praise** to the Lord for the vision of a Global Outreach Center, a miracle waiting to happen. Please pray as plans move forward and funds are raised.
- **Praise** the Lord for those who are giving towards a new-to-us vehicle for both personal use and ministry.
- **Pray** for our close walk with the Lord.
- **Pray** for Operation Spring Outreach and the evangelism team as we travel all around New York City reaching both Jew and Gentile.
- **Pray** as we reach the many Muslims in New York City with the gospel during the **30 days of Ramadan** (April 13-May 12, 2021). Each neighborhood we visit, including the Jewish areas, is seeing an increasing population of Muslims moving in.
- **Pray** for the IBJM evangelistic outreach May 28-June 4, 2021.
- **Pray** for ***Thank God for Israel Day*** on June 13, 2021, in two locations – Woodhaven and Rego Park.
- **Pray** for the girls' homeschool and Zach at West Coast Baptist College in California.
- **Pray** for the salvation of Muhammad, Albert, Adi, Elisabeth, Ahavni, Eleanor, Rochelle, the Kogan family, Alex, Dalila, Igor, Lois, Mary, Marta, Judy, Claire, Mary, Henry, Niki, and Bea.